



Welcome Back Parents & Students First Day of School Monday, August 12, 2024

**Tardy bell rings at 7:40 AM
Student Day 7:40 AM - 1:55 PM
(12:55 on Mondays)**

Before School Events

**Back to School Parent Information Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, August 7th**

Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 837 2640 9137

Passcode: DPE2425

Meet the Teacher

Pre K – 5th Grade

Thursday, August 8th

Last Name A-L 4:00-4:45 pm

M-Z 5:15-6:00 pm

Virtual Meet the Teacher Option via Zoom

Friday, August 9th 11:30 -12:00 pm

PTA Back to School Event

August 8th 4:00-6:00pm

During your visit check out the PTA and other stations to purchase agendas, sign up for after school clubs, Join PTA, and get important information about dismissal.

Please read the following pages. They contain some important information that will be helpful to prepare you and your child for the first day of school.



Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome you to another exciting school year at Deer Park, a community of great achievements and strong connections. We are incredibly proud to be an “A” rated school, thanks to our amazing students and supportive families. Our commitment remains steadfast in providing every student with the best opportunities for academic, social, and emotional growth in a clean and safe environment.

Our theme for the 2024-2025 school year is **“Teaming Up for Success”** reflecting our belief in the power of collaboration and community.



At Deer Park we embrace The 7 Mindsets which is based upon years of extensive research into the fundamental mindsets that guide and empower the world’s happiest people and highest achievers. These mindsets are designed to promote self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making in our students.

The 7 Mindsets are: **Everything is Possible, Attitude of Gratitude, Passion First, Live to Give, We are Connected, The Time is Now, and 100% Accountable.**

Back to School Parent Virtual Meeting

We will have an informational presentation, on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00 pm on zoom, Mrs. Lefler, Principal, and Mr. Findley, Assistant Principal, will share with important information to help the school year start off smoothly. If you are not able to join, the presentation will be recorded and posted on our school website.

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Teacher Meet & Greet

The Deer Park staff warmly invites you to our Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, August 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, find their classroom, and drop off school supplies. In our cafeteria, there will be several stations, including the PTA selling Spirit shirts and memberships. We will also have agendas available for \$5, and you can pick up your car rider tag if your child will be picked up by car.

Due to parking limitations, we ask that you follow the schedule based on your last name: Last names A-L are invited from 4:00-4:45 PM, and M-Z from 5:15-6:00 PM. We also encourage carpooling, walking, or using Uber to help alleviate parking issues.

If you cannot attend the in-person event, there will be a virtual option from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, August 9th. Your child’s classroom teacher will share the link to join the meeting.





First Day of School

The first day of school is **Monday, August 12, 2024**. Students should arrive between **7:10 A.M. and 7:40 A.M.** Staff members will be available throughout the campus in the morning to assist students in finding their classrooms. Since the first day falls on a Monday, we will have an **early release at 12:55 P.M.**

Please note that the initial days of school will be busier than usual as students and parents get accustomed to our campus and procedures. Dismissal may take longer due to the extra precautions we take to ensure every child is in the correct dismissal area. We appreciate everyone's cooperation to ensure a smooth and pleasant start to the new school year. Below are some important arrival and dismissal procedures for the safety of our students.

Morning Arrival Procedures

Students may arrive as early as 7:10 A.M. The drop-off area is located on the south side of the school by the cafeteria. It is crucial that students do not arrive before 7:10 A.M. as proper supervision will not be available.

All entrance gates open at 7:10 A.M., and staff members will be present throughout the campus to supervise students. Free breakfast is available for all students. Please ensure your child arrives on time, as classroom instruction begins daily at 7:40 A.M.

Dismissal Procedures

Students are dismissed at 1:55 P.M. from Tuesday to Friday, and at 12:55 P.M. on Mondays. If your child needs to be signed out early due to an appointment or family emergency, you may do so at the front office no later than 1:30 P.M. (12:30 P.M. on Mondays). Please be prepared to present a photo ID.

We kindly ask that early sign-outs not become a regular occurrence as this impacts student's instructional time. Your child will only be released to individuals listed on the emergency card who present a photo ID. If there is a change in how your child is to go home, please send a written note with the changes to your child's teacher. Without a note, students will be dismissed as usual.

Bus Transportation

Bus stop times and bus numbers can be found online at this link soon.

<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/3708>



Buses will load and unload in the parking lot in front of the main office. Students should be at their bus stop at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time. On the first day of school, students will receive a colored wristband that matches their assigned bus or dismissal method. Please keep this wristband on for the first week to help ensure a safe and efficient dismissal process.

Kindergarten Bus Riders

To ensure the safety of our Kindergarten students who ride the bus, we have specific procedures in place. Each Kindergarten student will receive a green plastic tag that must remain attached to their book bag throughout the school year. This tag will include the student's name, grade level, phone number, and drop-off location. Kindergarten students can be released at the bus stop with an older sibling in at least third grade, as specified by their parent. If there is no older sibling, a designated adult must be present at the stop (not waiting in the car). If no adult is present, the Kindergarten student will be returned to school. Kindergarten students who do not ride a bus will receive a red tag.

Car Riders

The designated car rider drop-off and pick-up area is in the parking lot on the south side of the building. Please remain in your car and continue moving forward in a single file line, following the loop to the drop-off/pick-up point marked by cones alongside the cafeteria. Staff members will be present to assist students with opening and closing car doors and to ensure they enter the building safely. Due to safety concerns and limited parking, parents are not allowed to park and walk with their children during arrival or dismissal. Anyone who tries to drop off a student at the bus ramp at the front of the school will be directed back to the carline.

During the Meet the Teacher event, we will distribute car tags to hang on your rearview mirror for easy identification during dismissal. This will help expedite the car rider pick-up process. Once you reach the designated pick-up area, please move forward, and your child will be walked to your car. If everyone follows the outlined procedure, dismissal should take no more than 20-25 minutes from the start time of 1:55 PM. Please refer to the map on the following page to familiarize yourself with our traffic pattern.

Walkers

If your child will be walking to and from school alone, please discuss safety procedures with them. If you prefer your child to wait for you before walking home, inform their teacher. Parents who wish to meet their children and walk home together should wait on the sidewalk near the crosswalk. Please do not attempt to pick up your child by car from this area, as we will not release them to you. All walkers will be released from the front of the school.

Mandatory Uniforms

Deer Park has a mandatory uniform policy. Students must wear navy or khaki bottoms (shorts, pants, skirts, jumpers) and hunter green, gold, or white collared shirts. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length. On Fridays, students can wear the school spirit shirt with jeans. Non-uniform clothes are only allowed on monthly PTA \$1 Dress Down Days. Closed-toe shoes, such as sneakers, are recommended. Flip flops, slides, and Crocs are not permitted. If a student violates dress code, they will either need to change into available clothing or have a parent bring appropriate attire from home. Spirit shirts and school uniform shirts can be purchased on the PTA website <http://www.deerparkpta.org/>



Access Control

To ensure the safety and security of all students and staff, we must account for everyone on campus. Deer Park is a SAFE or “closed” campus. If you are visiting for a conference or meeting, it must be prearranged with the teacher. Parents must sign in at the front office with a photo ID.

School Supplies

A list of grade-level supplies needed for the beginning of the school year is available on the school website. Individual teachers may request additional supplies once school starts. As the year progresses, you may be asked to replenish supplies. All our classrooms have water filling stations, so students may bring a water bottle. **Please label your child’s water bottles, lunch boxes, and jackets with their name.**

Dismissal Label

At the “Meet the Teacher” event, you will receive a Deer Park Dismissal Label. Please fill out the requested information and pin it to your child’s backpack on the first day of school. This will help us identify all students and ensure they arrive at their assigned classroom and get home safely. If you do not receive a label at the event, there is a cut-out below for you to use.



Deer Park Elementary

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone # _____

Student Address: _____

Dismissal:

Car

Walker

*Daycare

*Bus

If Bus please provide information below

Bus # _____ Bus Stop: _____

If Daycare please provide the name _____

Deer Park Elementary Arrival/Dismissal Map



Arrival

Car riders and walkers should arrive at school between 7:10 am and 7:40am. Student drop-off is located next to the cafeteria. We have traffic from 2 directions. Please cooperate with staff so we can operate efficiently

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at **12:55 on Monday** and **1:55pm Tuesday – Friday**. Car riders are to be picked-up in front of the Cafeteria. Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed with the bus riders up front by the main office

Car Rider Tips

- **Remain in your car** and we will assist your child to your car as you pull up in the car line.
- The front of the school is for loading and unloading busses only.
- Please have students only exit and enter car on passenger side.
- If you need to help your child buckle seat belt, we ask that you pick them up and use an empty parking spot to get out an assist your child.

Teacher / Room Assignments

You will be receiving a post card and a Parent Link alert message via telephone. Instructions will be given to you so that you will know who your child's teacher is and what room your child will report to on the first day of school. Please keep the teacher and room listings below to use as a reference. If you do not receive a phone call from the Parent Link alert system, you must update your contact information at school. Staff members will be on hand at Meet the Teacher Night and the first day of school to assist with finding your child's room assignment.

KINDERGARTEN	
TEACHER	ROOM #
Andrea Allbritton	123
Taylor White	124
Jean Harrison	121
Cynthia Valenti	122
Jennifer Proly	306
Elisabeth Weber	308
BethAnne Febre	314
Hessie Garcia	310

FIRST GRADE	
TEACHER	ROOM #
Amy Kasper	301
Katherine Betancourt	303
Kristen Wallace	305
Christine Supernor	311
Melissa Martinez	307
Alicia Tenny	315
Geovanna Naranjo	313

SECOND GRADE	
TEACHER	ROOM #
Megan Pullos	302
Annalyse Mayette	304
Kelli Dohner	312
Jeanette Patton	316
Suzzane Rowe	318
Michelle Gordon	320
Kari Morris	319
Ylenia Ruiz	317
Diane Drake	326

THIRD GRADE	
TEACHER	ROOM #
Brooke Jones	331
Brooke Dupre	333
Laura Lopez	339
Stephanie Blasioli	341
Jennifer Clark	351
Jennifer Watson	351
Alanna Quilantang	335
Jessica Chang	337
Cindy Carrillo	322
Jean Chen	324

FOURTH GRADE	
TEACHER	ROOM #
Maria Linden	338
Maria Calvo	336
Tracy Lefort	342
Tracy Roberts	344
Lindsay Ribaya	340
Louise Sorensen	332
Luz Fandiño	334

FIFTH GRADE	
TEACHER	ROOM #
Sara Adkins	349
Allison Snow	347
Justin Lopez	348
Chennin Fernandez	350
Kelly Thorn	352
Linda Simonton	354
Andrea Cooke	345
Amanda Lawson	343

PRE-K/VPK	
TEACHER	ROOM #
Brittani DeWeese	206
Stephanie Bylund	205